

1 **Amendment to the Specification**

2 **In the Specification:**

3 Please amend the specification as follows.

4 On Page 1, beginning at line 14, please insert the following section heading and paragraph.

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6 **Related Application**

7 This application is a continuation-in-part of prior co-pending application Serial  
8 No. 09/726,058, filed on November 29, 2000, the benefit of the filing date of which is hereby claimed  
9 under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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11 Please amend the paragraph on page 11, line 5 as follows.

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13 Personal computer 320 further includes a hard disk drive 327 for reading from and writing to  
14 a hard disk, not shown, a magnetic disk drive 328 for reading from or writing to a removable  
15 magnetic disk 329, and an optical disk drive 330 for reading from or writing to a removable optical  
16 disk 331 such as a CD-ROM or other optical media. Hard disk drive 327, magnetic disk drive 328,  
17 and optical disk drive 330 are connected to system bus 323 by a hard disk drive interface 332, a  
18 magnetic disk drive interface 333, and an optical disk drive interface 334, respectively. Although the  
19 exemplary environment described herein employs hard disk 327, removable magnetic disk 329, and  
20 removable optical disk 331, it should be appreciated by those skilled in the art that other types of  
21 computer readable media which can store data that is accessible by a computer, such as magnetic  
22 cassettes, flash memory cards, digital video disks, Bernoulli cartridges, RAMs, ROMs, and the like,  
23 may also be used in the exemplary operating environment. The drives and their associated computer  
24 readable media provide nonvolatile storage of computer-executable instructions, data structures,  
25 program modules, and other data for personal computer 320. For example, one or more data files 360  
26 (not shown) may be stored in the RAM 325 and/or hard drive 327 of the personal computer 320.

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1 Please amend the paragraph on page 12, line 3, as follows.

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3 A user may enter commands and information into personal computer 320 through input  
4 devices, such as a keyboard 340 and a pointing device 342. Other input devices (not shown) may  
5 include a microphone, joystick, game pad, satellite dish, scanner, or the like. These and other input  
6 devices are often connected to processing unit ~~322~~ 321 through a serial port interface 346 that is  
7 coupled to the system bus 323, but may be connected by other interfaces, such as a parallel port,  
8 game port, a universal serial bus (USB), or the like. A display device 347 may also be connected to  
9 system bus 323 via an interface, such as a video adapter 348. In addition to the monitor, personal  
10 computers typically include other peripheral output devices (not shown), such as speakers and  
11 printers.

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13 Please amend the paragraph on page 16, line 8, as follows.

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15 As mentioned, the live preview text will be displayed in each of the formats included within  
16 the sample of formats. Thus, at step 508, the first format from the sample of formats is selected. As  
17 mentioned, a format may comprise many properties, such as font name, font color and font size. At  
18 step 510 the live preview text is reformatted with the selected sample and at step 512 the  
19 reformatted text is displayed in a preview pane. Then at step 514, a determination is made as to  
20 whether there is another format in the sample of formats. If another format exists, the next format is  
21 chosen ( $N = N + 1$ ) at step 516 and the method returns to step ~~510~~ 508, where the second format  
22 from the sample of formats is selected. At step 510 the live preview text is reformatted with the  
23 selects format. The method is thus repeated from step ~~510~~ 508 until it is determined at step 514 that  
24 no other formats exist within the sample of formats. It should be appreciated that display of the live  
25 preview text in each of the formats of the sample of formats may be accomplished in various ways,  
26 such as in a list or table. However, it is preferable to display all (or at least some) of the differently  
27 formatted text at the same time, so that the user may compare the different appearances.

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1 Please amend the paragraph on page 16, line 23, as follows.

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3 In one embodiment, the user may be provided the opportunity to create a custom format to be  
4 added to the sample of formats and to the format set. For example, the user may apply a certain  
5 format to a portion of text and then select that portion of text as the live preview text. The user may  
6 then activate an "add" button or other suitable interface in order to cause the existing format of the  
7 live preview text to be added to the sample of formats and to the format set. Accordingly, subsequent  
8 live preview text will be displayed in the custom format as well as the other formats included in the  
9 sample of formats. Optionally, within the live preview pane, live preview text formatted with a  
10 custom format may be separated from live preview text formatted with standard formats. When it is  
11 determined that there are no other formats in the sample of formats, the method 500 ends at step  
12 ~~516~~ 518.